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MEANS AND METHODS FOR MONITORING NON-NUCLEOSIDE
REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITOR ANTIRETROVIRAL
THERAPY AND GUIDING THERAPEUTIC DECISION IN THE
TREATMENT OF HIV/AIDS



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with her duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents which are listed below and on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Copies of these documents are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1-7**. Copies of documents numbered below **8-27** were previously cited or disclosed by applicants in co-assigned, co-pending U.S. Serial No. 09/085,148, filed May 26, 1998 in an Information Disclosure Statement filed January 8, 1999.

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Applicant also attaches as **Exhibit B** a copy of the International Search Report for PCT Application No. PCT/US99/11629, filed May 26, 1999 with the U.S. Receiving Office.

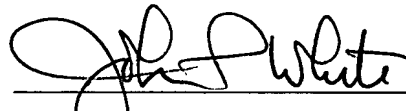
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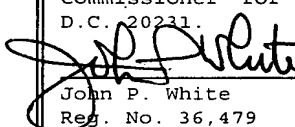
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